

REMARKS

Amendment

Applicant is making a minor amendment to Claim 17 to correct an informality therein and is listing the non-elected species and non-generic claims as “withdrawn”.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant is submitting an information disclosure statement (IDS) herewith. It is respectfully requested that this IDS be entered and considered prior to the issuance of any further action for this application. Applicant does not believe a fee is due for this IDS as a RCE was filed subsequent to the issuance of the last Office Action. If a fee should be due, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Initialed 1449 Form

Attached to the Office Action of January 16, 2004, the Examiner included an initialed 1449 form to indicate his consideration of the cited references. However, it is not clear if he considered JP-2001-60076 as this reference is initialed, crossed-off and listed as “O.K.” on the form (see attached). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner clarify his answer as to the consideration of this reference. If the Examiner has not considered this reference, then it is respectfully requested that he now do so and provide an indication that the reference has been considered.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee should be due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

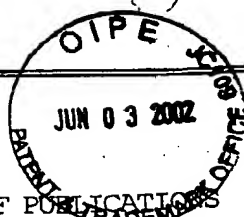
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE
LRP	JP 2001 60076	03/06/01	Sekiya et al.			96/02/00

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages)

- 5) JP 2001-60076 English abstract.
- 6) US Patent Application No. 09/724,387 (pending) to INUKAI including PTO filing receipt specification, claims, abstract, and drawings.
- 7) US Patent Application No. 09/725,798 (pending) to KOYAMA including PTO filing receipt specification, claims, abstract, and drawings.
- 8) US Patent Application No. 09/747,646 (pending) to INUKAI including PTO filing receipt specification, claims, abstract, and drawings.
- 9) US Patent Application No. 09/836,719 (pending) to KIMURA et al. including PTO filing receipt specification, claims, abstract, and drawings.
- 10) US Patent Application No. 09/840,584 (pending) to INUKAI including PTO filing receipt specification, claims, abstract, and drawings.
- 11) US Patent Application No. 09/841,098 (pending) including specification, claims, abstract, and drawings.
- 12) US Patent Application No. 09/886,148 (pending) to INUKAI including PTO filing receipt specification, claims, abstract, and drawings.

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DATE CONSIDERED:

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